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7 Enter '71 Lancaster Co. Dairy Princess Pageant



Nanette Stauffer

The Lancaster County Dairy Princess Committee this week announced seven contestants for the Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pageant June 22 at the Farm and Home Center

The seven are Susan A. Kauffman, Cynthia Balmer, Carol Kettering, Linda Martin, Patricia S. Haverstick, Nanette Stauffer and Sally Hostetter

A dairy bar reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and then the pageant June 22.

Tickets are available at the Extension office from Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, or from Cuiley Brantly at Atlantic Breeders, or from Pageant committee members

Mrs. Robert Gregory, Lititz RD1, Princess Committee chairman expressed appreciation for the good response to the contest. The attractive contestants range in age from 16 to 18, and they are from several areas in Lancaster County.

The girls and a brief background sketch of them are as follows:

Miss Susan Kauffman, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1, is a 1971 graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School. Active in the Lancaster County 4-H Holstein Club, she was a member of the Lancaster County 4-H dairy judging team. She is also a member of the Mount Joy Sewing 4-H Club and

was Pennsylvania State Holstein Girl. She is active in the church choir and youth groups of Congregation Bible Church of Marietta.

Cynthia Balmer, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz RD4, is a 1971 graduate of Waiwick Area High School. Active in the Lancaster County Guernsey 4-H Club, she is also a member of the Lincoln 4-H Sewing Club. She attends Middle Creek Church of the Brethren and participates in its youth group.

Carol Kettering, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kettering, Lititz RD3. She attends Manheim Township High School and is active in the

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Susan A. Kauffman



Carol Kettering



Patricia S. Haverstick



Sally Hostetter



Linda Martin



Cynthia Balmer

Some Animals Over 15 Years Old, Tie Stall Barn for Individual Care

Generations of Breeding are Behind Long-Lived Book Herd



Roy H. and Ruth H. Book go over some farm records. Mrs. Book keeps the records.

The name of Roy H. and Ruth H. Book frequently appears in releases by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America recognizing outstanding production records.

But in his farming operation, Book emphasizes that he does not place primary emphasis on herd average.

He states, "I like to see a high herd average, but I'm not trying for it. Often times, these high herd averages aren't the most profitable."

Rather, Book places emphasis on developing sound animals which can make him a profit over several years.

One of his cows is 15 years old. This animal has produced more than 200,000 pounds of milk. Because the animal didn't calve this time, she is in her last lactation.

Unlike many dairymen who get rid of animals quickly after about 10 years, Book says he keeps some even longer than 15 if they continue to produce.

While these older animals may not produce as much as some of the younger ones, he figures they have already paid

for themselves and don't have to produce as much to show a profit. Also, he continues to get calves from them, and the calves are valuable if the dam has had a good record.

He has several cows over 10 years old and his breeding program is designed to develop more of these types of long-lasting animals.

He notes that it takes about two years to develop a replacement animal and a cow which produces for about 10 years has picked up the two years that it takes to replace a cow which produces for only about five years. This can translate into major cost reduction.

The Book operation also places heavy emphasis on the sale of breeding stock. While milking about 50 registered Holsteins, he has a total of 120 animals besides growing all his own replacement stock, all his bulls go for breeding purposes. He sells most of the bulls at around 12 months for prices ranging usually from \$250 to \$500.

He also sells many cows, mostly heifers, privately. Bred

heifers usually for \$500 to \$700. Some are sold to dealers. Last year, he sold a lot of four in Kentucky and a lot of five to the University of North Carolina. Most are sold in Lancaster County, however.

His Roaring Maples Farms stock are widely known because he represents the third generation of Books to operate the dairy farm, which has a Ronks RD1 address and is located on Route 896 near the Guernsey Sales Pavilion on Route 30. Since Book has owned the farm, he has never bought any

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, June 5
Summer Conservation tour, beginning at Millersville, starts today.
1971 National Chicken Cooking contest, Ocean City, Md.

Monday, June 7
8 p.m. — Lancaster County Poultry Association Board of Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.
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